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1. The Viet Minh are actively engaged in recruiting men in order to form new units. The new recruits from Interzone IV and the southern zone of Interzone III are sent to the mountains of Phu Nho Quan for screening before being sent to Thai Nguyen for basic training. Fifteen battalions are to be raised.
2. Part of these recruits will probably be used to bolster the regular divisions which were depleted at Dien Bien Phu. Another part will probably be sent to the Indochina-China frontier to be given special training by the Chinese Communists.
3. According to an unconfirmed report, the new 54 Regiment is being formed on the front of the left bank of the Red River. This move is part of the Viet Minh plan to create a division from the 42 Regiment.

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